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Homecoming/Founders Day Highlight Fall Calendar

As the cool nights begin to transform the surrounding forests into a beautiful sea of reds, browns, oranges and golds, the students and faculty of Gardner-Webb College are becoming increasingly excited about the Annual Homecoming/Founders Day celebration. It is hoped that this year's program will bring our Alumni "Home" in the largest numbers ever.

The day will be highlighted by a Luncheon honoring the Founders of the College as well as those who have made more recent contributions to the continued excellence of the school. The Luncheon is set to begin at 11:45 a.m. In the afternoon the football Bulldogs will pay the Carson-Newman Eagles with a 2:30 p.m. kickoff planned.

All friends and former students of Gardner-Webb are encouraged to attend and participate in these festive activities. Advance reservations for the Luncheon should be made with the Alumni Office.

Classes Of 54 And 55 To Enjoy Reunion

The 1954 and 1955 Alumni of Gardner-Webb are planning to return to the campus to enjoy a reunion on Homecoming Day, October 25. A large number of these class members are expected for the football game and/or an evening meal at the Elk's Club in Shelby.

All members of these two classes are invited. Reservations are not required.

Alumni College To Offer Intellectual Recharge Plus Economical Vacation

Have you made your vacation plans for next summer? If you haven't why not combine your vacation activities with a stimulating educational experience at Gardner-Webb College.

That's right—the Summer of 1976 will provide just such an opportunity to former GWC students. By attending Alumni College, your family will be housed on campus and will have the use of the College dining facilities for delicious inexpensive meals. Although the classes will certainly be the most rewarding experience of the week-long sessions, adequate time will be available for family outings to the nearby mountains and amusement parks or to simply enjoy the serenity of the Gardner-Webb College Campus.

To help us plan the course offerings for our first Alumni College, please take a moment to complete and return the brief form below.

Name _____

Address _____

Yr. attended GWC _____ Field of Study _____

No. in family _____ Suggested areas of Study: _____

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Mail to: Alumni College, Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N. C. 28017

Letter From G-W Alumni President

Dear Gardner-Webb Alumnus:

You will be appealed to directly by your Class Agent in the near future for support of the 1975-76 Annual Fund. As the President of the Alumni Association, however, I am going to presume upon my office to encourage your participation.

My belief in Gardner-Webb—in the great service it renders and in its search for excellence in Christian Education—has increased through my close association with the College. The students, the Faculty, the Administration—all meet with my whole hearted support and deepen my feelings regarding the value of Christian Education at Gardner-Webb.

For me, and I hope for you, the best way of expressing these convictions is through a committment to the Annual Fund. If we believe that our Gardner-Webb education was worthwhile, if it opened doors to a fuller and more productive life for us, then we may express our feelings in this tangible and rewarding way.

Unlike most Colleges, Gardner-Webb has always paid its own way. It neither seeks nor accepts federal or state support for its academic facilities or programs. Thus, the College's past accomplishments can be fully credited to its family of Alumni, Parents and Friends. As Alumni, it is up to us to continue to lead the way. When you are contacted by your Class Agent, please join me in showing our love and concern for Gardner-Webb College by giving generously to the Annual Fund.

Sincerely,
Jack G. Creech, '55

Changes Announced For The WEB

In a move designed to make the WEB more informative and interesting, the Alumni Office has announced several major changes in the publication.

Rather than continue to publish a 4 to 6 page newsletter 10 times a year, the new look "WEB" will be published as a 16 page magazine twice a year and a 6 page fold-out copy twice a year. This will allow for more feature stories as well as more detailed reports on activities at all departments of the College.

Alumni Update

Who . . .
What . . .
Where . . .

The Reverend Wyman E. Wood, '30, recently served an eighteen month period as Acting Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Ga., and the remaining portion of nine years as Assistant to the Pastor. Reverend Wood will be retiring at the end of December of this year. He will continue his 42 years of ministry as an interim or supply pastor whenever there is a need.

Lenny Wahnetah, '33, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, residing in the Paintown Community, present vice chief, announced his candidacy for Office of Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the upcoming election in September, 1975. He is married to Emma (Cornsilk) Wahnetah and they have three daughters.

B. Elmo Scoggin, '35, is on Sabbatical leave for 1975-76 academic year from S. E. Seminary—writing new courses, taking annual study tour to Israel in February of 1976, doing archaeological excavation in Israel in summer of 1976.

Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch, '43, is State Director of the City and Metropolitan Missions Department of the State Baptist Convention in Raleigh, N.C. He is married to the former Elizabeth Tally of Geffney and they live at 4202 Laural Hills, Raleigh.

Mrs. John Edward Bacon (Rowane Morgan), '47, of Route 1, Lilesville, N.C. is an office clerk for the Abbey Mfg. Corp. in Wadesboro, N.C.

Robert E. Blanton, '47, of Lattimore, N.C. is employed with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, N.C.

Charles E. Mack, Jr., '48, has opened a public accounting and income tax service office in Boiling Springs, N.C. Mr. Mack served as business manager at Gardner-Webb for nine years. He is married to the former Rachel Funderburke of Pageland, South Carolina and they have three sons.

Mrs. E. Max Sink, '49, has been appointed to the long range planning committee of the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Assn. She is married to Dr. Sink, of High Point, N.C. a veterinarian, and they have two children (Michael, age 20, and Linda, age 16). Dr. Sink has a general practice at the Guilford Veterinary Hospital. The AVMA Auxiliary, the oldest auxiliary to a medical profession in the United States, was organized in 1917 and has over 10,000 members.

Bob E. Patterson, '50, associate professor in the Department of Religion at Baylor University, has been associated with the publication of nine books, either as contributor, editor, or author. Dr. Patterson is presently editing a series of fifteen books for Word, Inc. of Waco entitled Makers of the Modern Theological Mind. He is writing the eighth book in this series on the famous American theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, and it will be published in 1976. His book on renewal forces at work in the modern church, The Stirring Giant, was selected by "Christianity Today" magazine as one of the "Outstanding Evangelical Books of 1971". Dr. Patterson presented copies of his publications to Waco-McLennan County Library, included were books, journal articles, cassette tapes and films.

The Reverend Charles C. Lanier, '51, has assumed the pastorate of Rocky River Baptist Church, Siler City, N.C. Reverend and Mrs. Lanier have four children.

Billy G. McSwain, '51, has joined Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, Inc., in the new position of finance director. McSwain most recently has been controller of Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. He is a former director of development of Gaston Memorial Hospital and has been employed as a plant accountant in industry, senior accountant with a CPA firm, and treasurer of a data processing company. Gardner-Webb College presented him an alumni award in 1973 in recognition of outstanding community service in many areas.

Reverend T. Robert Mullinax, '51, is Executive Secretary on Christian Higher Education of The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He serves on the Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Mrs. Kenneth R. Corn (Phyllis Jo Kinneman), '54, is employed with Butler & Stowe, CPAs in Gastonia, N. C. She and her husband reside at 2233 Helen Drive, Gastonia.

Mrs. Donald N. Graham (Barbara Caroline Harrill), '54, is employed with Thumbelina Child Care Center in Charlotte, N.C. after 13 years as an insurance claims correspondent. Mrs. Graham resides at 515 Morehead Road, Harrisburg, N.C.

Reggie Stroupe, '55, is employed with the Dings Agency/Connecticut Mutual Life. Prior to this, he has worked as a hospital chaplain, as a pastor and with a ministry fund. Reggie and his wife, Betty, live at Route I, Box 167, Mount Holly, N.C.

The Reverend Gwyn Sullivan, '55, is pastor of Berea Baptist Church of Connelly Springs. The Reverend and Mrs. Sullivan have four children.

Billy G. Besson, '57, is employed with Broyhill Industries, Lenoir, N.C. He and Mrs. Besson, the former Patricia Thompson, '51, reside at 261 Deerfield Street, S.E., Lenoir, N.C.

Harry Walker, '60, is an ordained Baptist minister and chaplain for Spindale Mills-Doncaster-Tanner, Rutherford County, N.C. Mrs. Walker, the former Della Putnam, '52, is director of Help-Line for the sponsoring organization, Rutherford Mental Health Association. The Walkers have three children. Involvement and caring for others comes naturally to their family, their daughter, Cheryl, is a social worker.

William F. (Rick) Hulse, '62, resides at 6021 Creole Road, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Hulse is an attorney in Charlotte.

Jimmy Jessup, '65, is a teacher and head baseball coach at North Surry High School, Mt. Airy, N.C., a position he has held for the past 8 years. His teams have advanced to the state play-offs 4 of the last 7 years. His wife, Sharon, is a fifth grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School, Mt. Airy.

Richard M. Holbrook, '66, has recently been appointed as acting director of admissions at Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C. Mr. Holbrook has been admissions counselor at the college since August 1974. He and his wife, the former Kathryn Evans, have one daughter, Mary Kathryn.

Mrs. Diane Cobb (L. Diane Hnitsclaw), '66, teaches fourth grade at Lillie E. Sudsr Elementary School in Jonesboro, Ga. She lives at 4630 Puckett Street, Forest Park, Ga.

The Reverend Clay M. Warf, '66, has been called as minister of Temple Baptist Church, Durham, N.C. He is married to the former Betty Austin of Spartanburg and they have two sons. Prior to this he served as pastoral intern in 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church and as associate minister of Highland Park Second Baptist Church, both in Louisville, Ky.

Diane E. Arrowood, '67, after leaving Gardner-Webb, attended UNC-C graduating there, spent 3 years as an employee of Pali View Baptist Church in Kaneohe Hawaii. Upon her return to the mainland, she entered Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. and received her degree in religious education. She is now employed by Southeastern Baptist Hospital in Corbin, Ky. as social director. Her address is 505 Valley View Apt., 5 Street Road, Corbin, Kentucky 40701.

Fred T. Laigh, '67, has been appointed as district manager for the National Federation of Independent Business. The National Federation of Independent Business is the world's largest independent business representative working for the independent businessman, both on the Congressional and state levels. Leigh is married to the former Carolyn E.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but this much we know, once you're woven in, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

Alumni Update Continued

Ropp of Shelby and they have one son. The Laghs reside at 4031 Hillview Circle and attend Bethel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Phyllis McDowell, '67, is currently employed as the Delinquency Control Officer at the Supply Center Credit Union. Her husband is with the U.S.M.C. Area Auditor's Office at Barstow, California. They are both attending Barstow College working toward a B.A. in Business Administration. The McDowells have a 9 month old daughter, Lori.

Dorothy Elizebeth Waldrup Ramsey, '67, is presently employed with Cherokee County Memorial Hospital in Gaffney, S.C.

Gary Nelson Robinette, '67, P.O. Box 129, Pacolet Mills is employed with the Cowpens High School, Cowpens, S.C.

James Anthony (Butch) Whitesell, '67, is employed with the Onslow County Schools, Jacksonville, N.C.

Mrs. Franklin D. Lee (Jndy Elaine Wall), '68, is married to a lawyer, has one child and is a Secretary/Bookkeeper at Ciba-Geigy Corp. They live at 700 Portis Avenue Jackson, Alabama 36545.

Jim Wilmouth, '68, has been named varsity basketball coach and teacher at Mount Airy Senior High School. Following graduation from Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill Colleges, Jim spent one year as an assistant varsity coach at A.C. Reynolds High School in Asheville, then went to East Wilkes High School four years ago, where he accomplished an outstanding record in his four years there. He has been selected Conference Coach of the Year twice by his fellow coaches. He is married to the former Miss Susan Norman of Dobson, also a teacher, and they have two sons, Myles, eight years old, and Matthew, five.

Terry W. Almond, '69, is president of the newly formed company, Stanly Security Services, Inc., in Albemarle. It will offer industrial, commercial and residential patrol and guard services for a fee. Terry played football last year with the Stanly Patriots. He is married to the former Miss June Cranford and they have one son.

Mrs. David Scott Peterson (Leah Denise Collins), '69, of Raleigh, N.C. is a wife, mother and homemaker. Her husband works for the U.S. Post Office in Raleigh and they have a daughter 1½ years old, Rachael Elizebeth.

Barbara Gale Alexander, '71, is employed with the Valleydale School, Inc. (Private) where she teaches third grade. She lives at 4728 Grasset Ave., Charlotte.

L. Sae Austin, '71, of Lenoir is employed with the Employment Security Commission of Lenoir.

Mrs. Donald Wayne Dockery (Tanna Francis Boone), '71, of Route 3, Box 509, Waynesville, N.C. is employed with the Haywood County Schools, Bethel Elementary, in Waynesville.

Ryan Dickson Hendley, '71, received his Master of Arts Degree August 14, 1975 from East Tennessee State University.

Mrs. Stephan L. Hutcherson (Annette Spence), '71, and her husband announce the birth of a little girl, Krista Joy. Krista was born March 28, 1975 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. They live in Durham and Steve works at Burroughs-Wellcome Pharmaceutical Co. in the Research Triangle Park.

Donald Richard Stokes, II (Rick), '71, is working on his Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. He is employed with Olympia Industries, Inc. in Spartanburg.

Harvey Edgar (Eddie) Wilson, '71, successfully completed and was awarded his Masters of Social Work degree from Worden School of Social Service, Our Lady of The Lake College in San Antonio, Texas on May 4, 1975. He and his wife, Susan, now reside in Florence, S.C. and Eddie is employed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in a Social work capacity.

Raymond Davis, '72, of Boiling Springs has accepted a position as basketball coach at Northwest Ashe High School. Prior to this he was Admissions Counselor and recruiter for Gardner-Webb College.

Arch F. Fowler, Jr., '72, is now associated with Equitable Life Assurance Co., in Greenville, South Carolina. He resides at Colonial Villa Apartments in Greenville.

Thomas Edward Hatfield, '72, of Charlotte, is employed with Eckerd Drugs, Inc., Real Estate-Leasing Department, 1111 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, N.C.

James Armstrong Hoffman, '72, is employed as a sales representative with Healthco Dental Co. in Columbia, S.C. He and his wife, Jeannie, reside at 210 Foxfire Drive, Columbia.

William Marion Hooeycott, III, '72, received his Master of Divinity Degree in July, 1975 from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is one of four ministers who have started on a year-year full time Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Spartanburg General Hospital. The program will make it possible for the hospital to have a chaplain on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Reverend Howard B. Hogan, '73, is a candidate for the Master of Divinity degree at Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College and has been accepted in the doctoral program at Chicago Theological Seminary. He has pastored the New Jerusalem Fire Baptized Holiness Church of the Americas at Newton since 1968. Rev. Hogan is listed in "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges—1973." In the Western North Carolina Conference of the F.B.H. Church, he was honored "Pastor of the Year" in 1973 and again in 1974. He is married to the former Alma Jean Davis and they are the parents of six children. The Hogans live on Route 1, Mount Holly.

In Memoriam

Edward Truitt Harrell passed away July 5 at his home after a period of ill health. Mr. Harrell served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb from 1947-52. Before his retirement in 1970, he was owner and operator of Newton Furniture Store in Newton.

Tom DePriest, '36, died during January, 1975. He is survived by his wife Catherine of Route 1, Longdale, N.C.

Alumni Chapter Meetings Planned

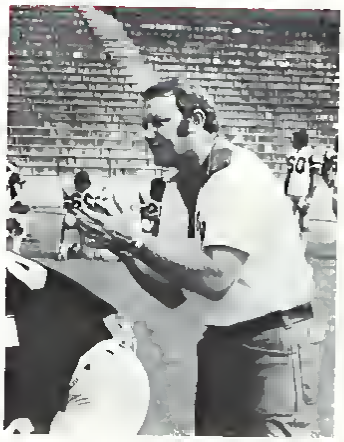
The Gardner-Webb Alumni of Greenville County, South Carolina, will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting on Thursday evening, October 2, at the Colonial Court Restaurant.

The speaker for the evening will be Gardner-Webb College Head Football Coach, Oval Jaynes. Those interested in attending should notify Mr. Arch Fowler, 260 Pelham Road, Apt. N-15, Greenville, South Carolina 29607.

The Columbia/Camden, South Carolina Alumni will meet for Breakfest on Thursday, November 20, at the First Baptist Church in Columbia. Remarks by Dr. Eugene Poston, President of Gardner-Webb College, and music by the Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus will highlight this organizational meeting.

Those planning to attend should contact Reverend Charles Rabon, South Carolina Baptist Convention, 907 Richland Street, Columbia.

Other Alumni who are interested in having an Active Local Chapter should contact Jerry McGee, Director of Alumni Activities at Gardner-Webb for assistance.



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Joint Alumni Breakfast At State Baptist Convention

The seven Baptist Colleges of North Carolina are planning a joint Alumni Breakfast for 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, as a part of the Baptist State Convention in Asheville.

The Breakfast, which will be held at the Greek Community Center, will be highlighted by an address by Dr. Grady Cothen, President of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tickets for this occasion are presently available from the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. The cost of the meal is $3.00 per plate and checks should be made payable to the Baptist State Convention.

It is hoped that a large and enthusiastic group of Gardner-Webb Alumni will be in attendance to enjoy the great fellowship of friends from all North Carolina Baptist Colleges.

Those Were The Days

With this energetic group leading the cheering in days gone by, its little wonder that the Athletic Programs at Gardner Webb have become so powerful!

Can you name these cheerleaders? The first person who sends the individual names of the entire group to the Alumni Office will receive two Reserved Seat Tickets to the Homecoming Football Game.

BILLY ELLIS

Billy Ellis Employed In Admissions

Mr. Robert Abrams, Director of Admissions at Gardner-Webb College has announced that Billy Ellis, a 1975 graduate, has been employed as an Admissions Counselor.

Ellis, a native of Barium Springs, N.C. completed his high school work at South Iredell, and received his B.S. degree in Physical Education at Gardner-Webb. He was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years while a student at Gardner-Webb.

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Golf Team Finishes 3rd Nationally

The GWC golf team brought great honors to the College by finishing third in the NAIA National Championship Tournament. Led by All-American Zam Zimmerman the golfing Bulldogs completed the season ranked higher than any athletic team in GWC's history.

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Former G-W Tennis Players Invited

A reunion of all past and present varsity tennis players will be held on Saturday, October 18. The day will be highlighted by an informal tennis tournament followed by a cook-out at the home of Coach James Taylor. Anyone planning to attend should notify Coach Taylor as soon as possible.